



## GAME NOTES

New England Patriots vs. Carolina Panthers– October 1, 2017

### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

#### **BRADY TIES FRAN TARKENTON WITH HIS 239<sup>TH</sup> CAREER START; TIED FOR FOURTH AMONG NFL QUARTERBACKS**

Tom Brady tied Fran Tarkenton for fourth place among NFL quarterbacks with his 239<sup>th</sup> career regular season start. Brady is one of 10 NFL quarterbacks with at least 200 career starts in the regular season.

#### **MOST NFL STARTS BY AN NFL QUARTERBACK**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Starts</b>
Brett Favre	298
Peyton Manning	265
Dan Marino	240
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>239</b>
Fran Tarkenton	239
Drew Brees	236

#### **BRADY PACE NOTE**

Tom Brady has 1,399 yards passing through the first four games of the 2017 season and is on pace to finish the season with 5,596 yards, which would be an NFL record. Brady owns one of the nine 5,000-yard passing seasons in NFL history and can join Drew Brees (5) as the only player with more than one 5,000-yard season.

#### **MOST PASSING YARDS IN A SEASON**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Yards</b>
Peyton Manning (2013)	5,477
Drew Brees (2011)	5,476
<b>Tom Brady (2011)</b>	<b>5,235</b>
Drew Brees (2016)	5,208
Drew Brees (2012)	5,177
Drew Brees (2013)	5,162
Dan Marino (1984)	5,084
Drew Brees (2008)	5,069
Matthew Stafford (2011)	5,038

### **BRADY HAS THROWN 10 TDS IN FIRST FOUR GAMES**

Tom Brady has thrown 10 touchdowns in the first four games and is on pace to finish the season with 40 touchdowns. If he keeps that pace he can join Peyton Manning and Aaron Rodgers as the only quarterbacks with two seasons of 40 or more touchdowns. Brady threw for 50 touchdowns in 2007.

### **QUARTERBACKS WITH 40 OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A SEASON**

#### **Player Touchdown Passes**

Peyton Manning (2013)	55
<b>Tom Brady (2007)</b>	<b>50</b>
Peyton Manning (2004 )	49
Dan Marino (1984)	48
Drew Brees (2011)	46
Aaron Rodgers (2011)	45
Dan Marino (1986)	44
Drew Brees (2012)	43
Matthew Stafford (2011)	41
Kurt Warner (1999)	41
Aaron Rodgers (2016)	40
Andrew Luck (2014)	40

### **BRADY HAS 30 COMPLETIONS IN TWO GAMES IN 2017**

Tom Brady threw for 32 completions against Carolina. It is the second time in 2017 that he has had 30 completions in a game. He had 30 completions in the win at New Orleans on Sept. 17. Brady has 32 games with at least 30 completions, third in NFL history.

#### **Most games with 30 or more completions**

Drew Brees	57
Peyton Manning	39
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>32</b>
Brett Favre	25

### **BRADY FIRST AGAIN**

Tom Brady has 1,399 passing yards with 10 touchdowns and no interceptions in 2017, becoming the first player in NFL history to pass for at least 1,000 yards with 10 touchdowns and no interceptions through his team's first four games twice in his career, having also accomplished the feat in 2015.

### **The quarterbacks with at least 1,000 passing yards, 10 touchdown passes and no interceptions through their team's first four games of a season:**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Passing Yards</b>	<b>TDS</b>	<b>INT</b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>Patriots</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
Payton Manning	Broncos	2013	1,470	16	0
Don Meredith	Cowboys	1966	1,089	14	0

### **BRADY HAS SEVENTH STRAIGHT REGULAR SEASON GAME WITHOUT AN INT.**

Tom Brady had his seventh straight game with no interceptions. He now has a streak of 260 straight pass attempts without an interception.

### **BRADY'S MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS WITHOUT AN INT.**

11 Tom Brady (10/24/10-01/02/11)

7 Tom Brady (12/18/16-present)

### **Brady Consecutive passes without an interception**

358\* (NFL Record)

260 current streak

201

196

190

183

### **GRONKOWSKI HAS MOST RECEIVING YARDS FROM BRADY**

Rob Gronkowski moved past Wes Welker (6,300) and now has the most receiving yards from Tom Brady with 6,338. He entered the game needing 43 yards to move past Welker and accomplished the milestone on a 43-yard pass from Brady in the second quarter.

### **Most Receiving Yards from Tom Brady**

**Rob Gronkowski 6,338**

Wes Welker 6,300

### **GRONKOWSKI PASSES TROY BROWN FOR THIRD IN PATRIOTS HISTORY**

Gronkowski passed Troy Brown (6,366) and is now in third place all-time on the Patriots all-time list with 6,413 receiving yards. He entered the game 34 yards behind Brown and passed him on a 43-yard pass from Brady in the second quarter.

### **Most Receiving Yards in Patriots History**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Yards</b>
Stanley Morgan	10,352
Wes Welker	7,459
<b>Rob Gronkowski</b>	<b>6,413</b>
Troy Brown	6,366

### **GOSTKOWSKI KICKS FRANCHISE RECORD 58-YARD FIELD GOAL**

K Stephen Gostkowski's 58-yard field goal at the end of the first half was the longest field goal in team history. His previous long was a 57-yarder at Dallas on Oct. 11, 2015. Adam Vinatieri also had a 57-yarder at Chicago on Nov. 10, 2002, while with the Patriots. Gostkowski's previous long at Gillette Stadium was a 54-yarder vs. New Orleans on Oct. 13, 2013. Gostkowski's 58-yarder is the longest ever at Gillette Stadium. The previous long was a 55-yarder by Nik Folk of the New York Jets on Oct. 25, 2015.

### **JAMES WHITE TIES CAREER HIGH WITH 10 RECEPTIONS**

RB James White tied his regular season career-high with 10 receptions against Carolina. He also had 10 receptions vs. Philadelphia on Dec. 6, 2015. He is the second Patriots running back to have 10 receptions in a game two times in the regular season, joining Tony Collins (1986 and 1987). White had a career-high and a Super Bowl record with 14 receptions in Super Bowl LI.

### **Patriots History/Most Receptions in a game by a Running Back**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>Rec</b>
Shane Vereen	12/8/2013	CLE	12
Tony Collins	11/29/1987	PHI	11
Kevin Faulk	9/3/2000	TB	11
Leroy Thompson	11/13/1994	MIN	11
<b>James White</b>	<b>10/1/2017</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>James White</b>	<b>12/6/2015</b>	<b>PHI</b>	<b>10</b>
Tony Collins	11/16/1986	LA Rams	10

### **HOGAN SCORES IN THIRD STRAIGHT GAME**

WR Chris Hogan scored in his third straight game for the first time in his career when he caught a 2-yard touchdown in the second quarter. He scored at New Orleans and had two touchdowns in the win vs. Houston.

### **HOGAN NOW HAS FOUR TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS TO MATCH CAREER-HIGH**

Hogan now has four touchdown receptions in 2016, matching his career high. He had four in 2014 with Buffalo and four in 2016 with the Patriots.

## **LINEUP NOTES**

### **DONT'A HIGHTOWER RETURNS TO ACTION**

LB Dont'a Hightower returned to the lineup after missing the last two games due to injury. He was credited with a 12-yard sack of QB Cam Newton in the fourth quarter for his first sack of the season.

### **MARCUS CANNON RETURNS**

Marcus Cannon returned to the starting lineup at right tackle after missing one game due to injury.